IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A tabber apparatus comprising:

a frame;

a friction drive roller rotatably and operatively connected to the frame;

a take-up spool rotatably and operatively connected to the frame, the take-up spool operatively connected to the friction drive roller to allow backing paper which is wrapped about a portion of the friction drive roller to be taken up onto the take-up spool.

2. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a guide post positioned to allow the portion of the friction drive roller to be wrapped with the backing paper.

3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the friction drive roller comprises a sponge-like material.

4. (Original) The apparatus of claim 3 wherein the sponge-like material comprises neoprene.

5. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the take-up spool is operatively connected to the drive roller via a belt.

6. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the portion of the friction drive roller comprises at least 60 degrees.

7. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the portion of the friction drive roller is at least about 100 degrees.

8. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the portion of wrap is about 180 degrees.

9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a tab folding roller assembly comprising a tab drive roller made of a slick material.

10. (Original) The apparatus of claim 9 wherein the tab drive roller is made of aluminum.

11. (Original) A method of operating a tabber apparatus comprising:

providing a frame, a friction drive roller rotatably and operatively connected to the frame, and a take-up spool rotatably and operatively connected to the frame, the take-up spool operatively connected to the friction drive roller;

wrapping backing paper around a portion of the friction drive roller;

rotating the friction drive roller;

rotating the take-up spool, and

taking up backing paper on the take-up spool.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11 further comprising:

wrapping the backing paper between at least about 100-180 degrees and the friction drive roller.

13. (Original) The method of claim 11 further comprising:

providing a peel plate, pulling the backing paper a first distance around the peel plate to partially peel one adhesive backed tab from the backing paper;

rotating the friction drive roller to pull the backing paper the first distance; and

rotating the take-up spool more than the first distance.

14. (Original) The method of claim 11 further comprising:

rotating the friction drive roller a first distance; and

rotating the take-up spool a distance further than the first distance to provide tension in the backing paper.

15. (Original) The method of claim 11 further comprising:

providing a tab folding roller assembly including a tab drive roller with a slick surface;

contacting a leading edge of a form against the adhesive backed tab;

gripping the tab in a nip region formed between the slick roller on a tab pressure roller

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